

**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
and Underwater Preserve
Advisory Council**

- October 23 Meeting Minutes -

Date: October 23, 2001

Time: 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: AMA/ESD Building, 2118 US 23 South, Alpena

I. Meeting Attendees

NOAA: Dan Basta, Ellen Brody, Karen Brubeck, Kate Kauffman

State of Michigan: Dennis Schornack, John Halsey

SAC MEMBERS: Don Beem, Deb Pardike, Ken Kolasa, Ed Retherford, Merl Melton, Paula Thompson, Don Newport, John McConnell, Betty Krueger, David Elder, Leonard Zolnierek, Carol Shafto, Marie Twite, Lynda VanDusen, Jeff Myers

SAC ALTERNATES: David Dekett, Erwin Lewandowski, Joe LaMarre, Art Gillespie, Steve Kroll, Brian Tippman, John Singer, Kathleen Hubbard, Jerry Newhouse, Kim Wallis-Burke, Michael Nunnely

Ex-officio Member: Not present due to illness.

Members of the Public: Andrea Albert (DNR Conversation Officer), Tim Burke (DNR Conservation Officer), Joe Sobczak, Ann McConnell, Ken Vrana, Burt Barker, Thaddius Bedford

Media: Alpena News, WBKB

II. Agenda Items

Welcome & Introductions: Ellen Brody welcomed everyone to the meeting. All SAC members, alternates, sanctuary staff, and state of Michigan representatives introduced themselves.

Overview of the National Marine Sanctuary Program: Dan Basta, National Marine Sanctuary Program Director, provided an overview of the national program and explained where it and other offices reside within the Department of Commerce. Dan Basta

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emphasized that Thunder Bay will be a showcase for cultural resources in the national program.

Overview of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater

Preserve: Ellen Brody provided an overview of the Thunder Bay Sanctuary/Preserve, including a brief history of the first Advisory Council and a summary of first year projects.

Overview of the State Underwater Preserve Program: Dennis Schornack, Office of the Governor, discussed the State's role in the designation process and highlighted the NOAA/State partnership through the creation of the Joint Management Committee.

John Halsey, State Archaeologist, provided an overview of the state underwater preserve system.

Public Comment: Andrea Albert, a MDNR conservation officer, talked about her role in the enforcement area of the sanctuary.

Tim Burke, a regional MDNR conservation officer, discussed the role of the MDNR in the protection of cultural resources. He also mentioned that the MDNR would be the state entity of the NOAA/State team for enforcement.

SAC Orientation/Training: Karen Brubeck highlighted pertinent parts of the National SAC Handbook and the Thunder Bay Advisory Council Charter. This presentation was cut short because of lack of time.

Brainstorming Session: Omitted this session due to lack of time.

Officer Elections: Dennis Schornack ran the officer elections. Don Newport moved to elect Carol Shafto; it was seconded. Dave Elder moved to elect Ed Retherford; it was seconded. Betty Kruger moved to elect Deb Pardike; it was seconded. Only full SAC members voted for the officers. Once the votes were tallied, the results were as follows:

Chair: Carol Shafto

Vice-Chair: Ed Retherford

Schedule for Future Meetings: It was decided that the dates for the next two meetings would be set. At the third meeting, the meeting schedule for the rest of the fiscal year would be set as well as the dates for the Council retreat.

The next two meetings are as follows:

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December 4, 2001 7:00 p.m.
January 22, 2002 Time to be determined

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

III. Action Items

Advisory Council contact sheet: Sanctuary staff will draft, mail out to members, and post on website.

Meeting minutes: Sanctuary staff will draft minutes and mail out to members. Once minutes are approved at the December 4 meeting, they will be finalized, mailed out to members, and posted on website.

Future meeting schedule: Sanctuary staff will secure locations for next two meetings and work with Chair to set agenda.

Answer the following questions:

1. How should government seats deal with the issue of an alternate?
2. Can the Advisory Council as a whole, or an individual Council member representing themselves as such contact State of Michigan legislators regarding the Council and/or the Sanctuary/Preserve?

December 4 Meeting Agenda: Sanctuary staff will work with Council Chair, Carol Shafto to set the December 4 meeting agenda. A copy of the agenda will be mailed out to members prior to the meeting.

REMINDER: THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN AGENDA PRIOR TO THE MEETING.